

NOTES FROM JOHNSTOWN AS TO THE COMING CONFERENCE.

The many letters of inquiry relative to local arrangements we trust will be partially answered by these notes.

The Johnstown church expects to do her part well in the preparation for conference.

Six committees have the different features of the work assigned to them. The chairman of each comprising the Executive Committee.

The committee on location have two places in view: one being a beautiful grove, which is easily reached and is directly above and overlooking the city, and from which a grand view of the mountains can be had.

We have not given up half rates, but have hopes that they will be secured. One of the strongest corporations in the State is using its influence to have them granted.

The local church will lodge all members free of charge, while the boarding will be reasonable and under the supervision of the church.

Now to avoid confusion, for we fear the notices in EVANGELIST Nos. 21 and 22 may be misunderstood, permit me to say the purpose of the church here is not to interfere in any way with the National Executive Committee, but rather to aid it in the work.

That we might have some one to answer the various letters of inquiry, which from personal experience we know will number hundreds, the answering of which usually falls on a hard-worked pastor, a business man of proven ability was made corresponding secretary. All questions relating to the location of grounds, distance from depots, how reached, boarding rates, requests for lodging, and any and all questions which can only be well answered by one closely in touch with the local arrangements, should pass through his hands to the various committees. Therefore brother J. E. Parsons will have full charge of this correspondence. For instance, if Brother A. is sick or crippled, let him write to Brother Parsons, who in turn will notify the lodging committee of his request and they will see that he is conveniently located.

The prayer is for a fruitful conference.

There are many pulpits to be supplied on Sunday, for which arrangements will be made as soon as possible.

The delegates of this State have had to travel hundreds of miles to every conference prior to this. Surely the Brethren farther west will be willing for the first time to pay some of the traveling expenses and come to help us in the first National Conference held in Pennsylvania.

E. E. HASKINS.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Since my last report I have been permitted to enjoy the pleasure and benefits of the conference held at New Market, Virginia.

An excellent spirit characterized the entire convention and many encouraging evidences of spiritual power and progress were manifested.

Glad to report that foreign mission enterprise was most heartily endorsed and the Lord's work in this city also received substantial recognition, following the good example of the late Pennsylvania State Conference, especially that of the divinely-founded and honored institution, the S. S. C. E.

And here let me offer my heartfelt thanks first, for myself and second for the little mission band whose interests have thus been so materially forwarded. (Full report later.)

About July 1, the Lord willing, we expect to "open fire" in earnest, as brother I. D. Bowman, of Philadelphia, has promised to be with us then to conduct tent services. Pray, brethren, pray. The work must tell. The Lord is with us.

One point in regard to our conference I feel deeply impressed to make. I refer to it here because it is a matter of no small importance.

When brethren take much time and go to much expense to prepare themselves to render valuable service in carrying out that part of the program assigned them, it strikes me that it is a great mistake to *wave* the program and thus deny the privilege of response. To say the least this does not seem at all encouraging to those who have spared neither labor nor means to acquit themselves creditably and profitably.

I name this, brethren, not in the way of criticism, but because we perhaps need to be more careful along those lines in order that our conferences be made still more successful.

And now that I may be fully understood perhaps should make personal allusion. In all that I have said I have had special reference to our dear brother, Dr. D. L. Shaver. (The Dr. will please excuse me.) Since the conference it has been my pleasure to read a part of the article prepared by him. The convention sustained quite a loss in not hearing him. I put it mildly, moreover it appears that this is the doctor's *second experience* in such cases.

Why it was, I am sure I do not know, however, I feel safe to say it was not so designedly. But when people make sacrifices that they may be a blessing, we should always use every means within our power to manifest our appreciation,

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AN APPEAL.

To the Brethren Churches of Ohio, Greeting:—As a committee appointed by State conference of the Brethren church of Ohio, we come to you in the name and by the authority of the conference. We make this last and final appeal to all who have not yet paid their apportionment to liquidate the debt on Ashland College. Conferences of other states have made arrangements to meet their share and we feel that Ohio cannot afford to suffer the disgrace, humiliation and disastrous consequence of a far reaching character that would result from a failure of saving the college and especially is this true in view of the fact that the means are now at hand to more completely pay off the debt than has been the case at any time in the past history of the institution. The conference decided to save all possible expense and did not deem it best to send a soliciting agent to you but requested us to appeal to your good sense of propriety, to your intelligence and wise judgment and kindly ask you to respond to this call. What is done must be done soon. A failure now means a failure for many years and it must be apparent to all thinking people that it would be fraught with ruinous consequences. We therefore ask you, dear brethren and sisters, to come to the rescue and with one more pull the danger will be averted.

Pastors especially are requested to interst themselves in this matter and call the attention of their several congregations to it. Please report at an early day to John Keim, Louisville, Ohio.

P. J. BROWN,
J. L. KIMMEL, } Com.
WM. KIEFER.

GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

With pleasure we come again, thanking the blessed Lord for life, for health, and for strength and the association of home once again. On the fifth Sunday we had the privilege of visiting the brethren of Oakville, Ind., and preaching for them over Sunday. Had good audiences at each service. Stopped off at Muncie on our way to Pleasant Hill, Ohio, where we went to close up our work. Here we were made to realize the fulness of the saying that while we enjoy the present the unexpected may come, for while we were studying and arranging our work for Sunday our hostess informed us that the messenger was coming and conveyed this message: "Bertha is dead. Funeral Sunday at eleven o'clock. Come sure." This somewhat disarranged our plans. We were going to preach our farewell sermon on Sunday night. We came back to Indiana Saturday, preached the funeral of sis-